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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Supply Levels in Berlin

1. The following information is furnished in response to General Clifton's memorandum to me of 21 June, in which he indicated your desire to do something about the level of supply of gasoline in Berlin reported in my memorandum of 14 June.

2. Gasoline stockpiled for the German civilian population in West Berlin is part of a program monitored by the U.S. Mission, Berlin and is periodically reported to the State Department. Stocks include gasoline owned by both the federal and city governments and by private industry in that city. They do not include fuel owned or furnished by U.S. military agencies. The latest report from the State Department shows that the program objective of 17,200 metric tons for gasoline has been exceeded by 5,855 metric tons. This stockage represents approximately 57 days of supply for peacetime operations, almost double the May level of 30 days' supply reported in the footnote of my 14 June memorandum. As stockpile requirements are based on strict rationing, this 57 days of supply for peacetime operations would last for a much longer period in time of emergency. I have been informed that there are no problems, or contemplated changes, in stockage objectives reported to the State Department as the result of recent events.

3. In my 14 June memorandum to you I informed you that the Joint Chiefs of Staff had directed the Commander-in-Chief, Europe to review the supply levels of various commodities for U.S. military forces in Berlin and to determine what additional supplies, if any, should be moved to Berlin to prepare for possible emergencies. General Norstad has completed this review and reports that all stock levels, including gasoline, are considered adequate. The amount of military aviation gasoline in Berlin is relatively small, because only ten small, military aircraft need to be supplied from this stock. Plans for a possible major airlift do not involve refueling in the city.

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